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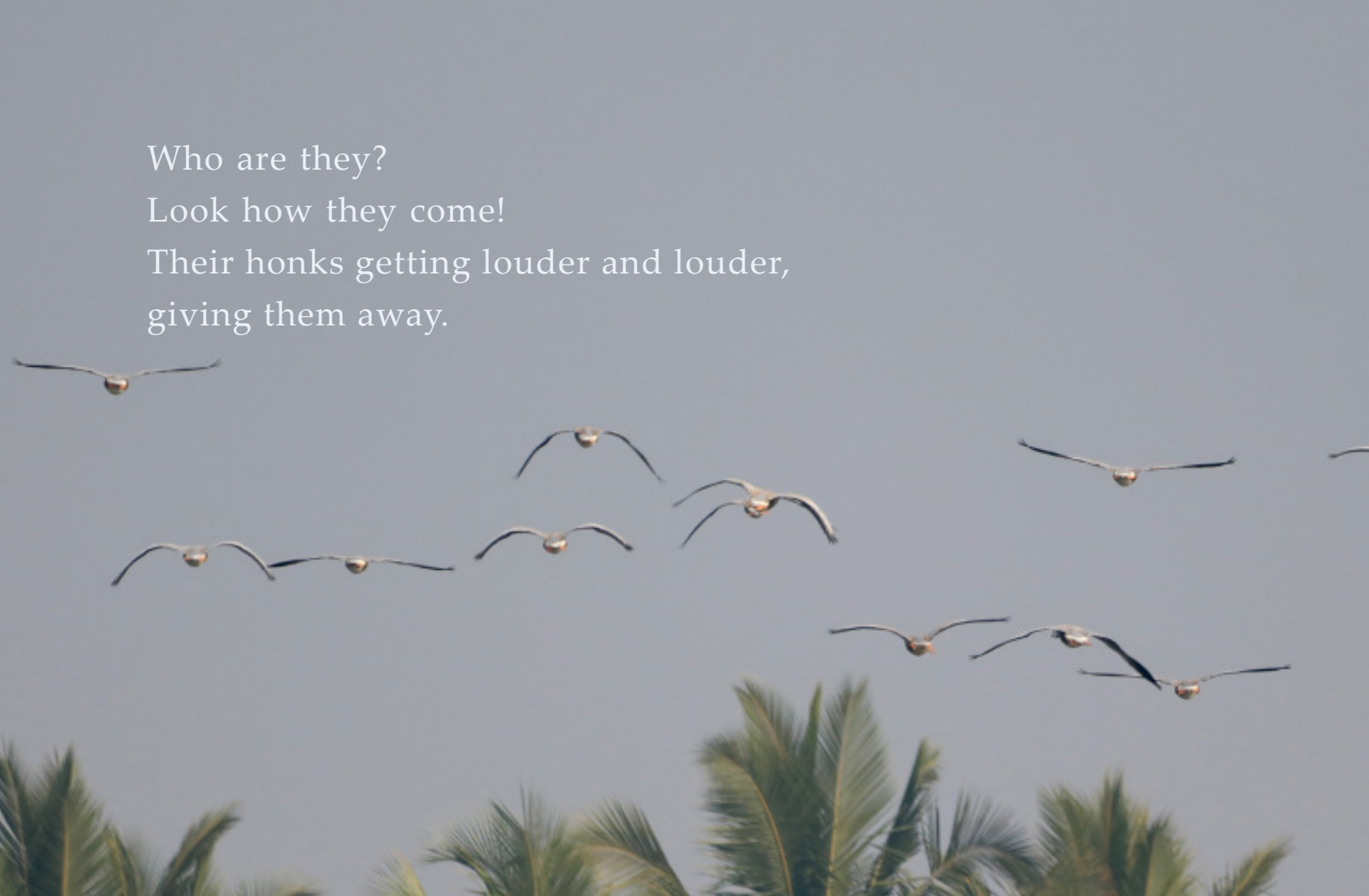


Who are they?
Look how they come!
Their honks getting louder and louder,
giving them away.

Squinting against the sky,
I track them as they come.

As they come in lines,
or in formations.

Following them as they glide in,
and slipping sideways
to lose height.

I see them readying to land
with stretched wings.

With legs extended,
they touch down,
with a subtle splash!

Sometimes together or in flocks,
but never upsetting the local birds.

What control and what grace!

They flock together,
basking in the sun a while.

And tuck in their heads ...

Or join larger groups.

They are then ready to call it a day.
For daytime is when they rest.

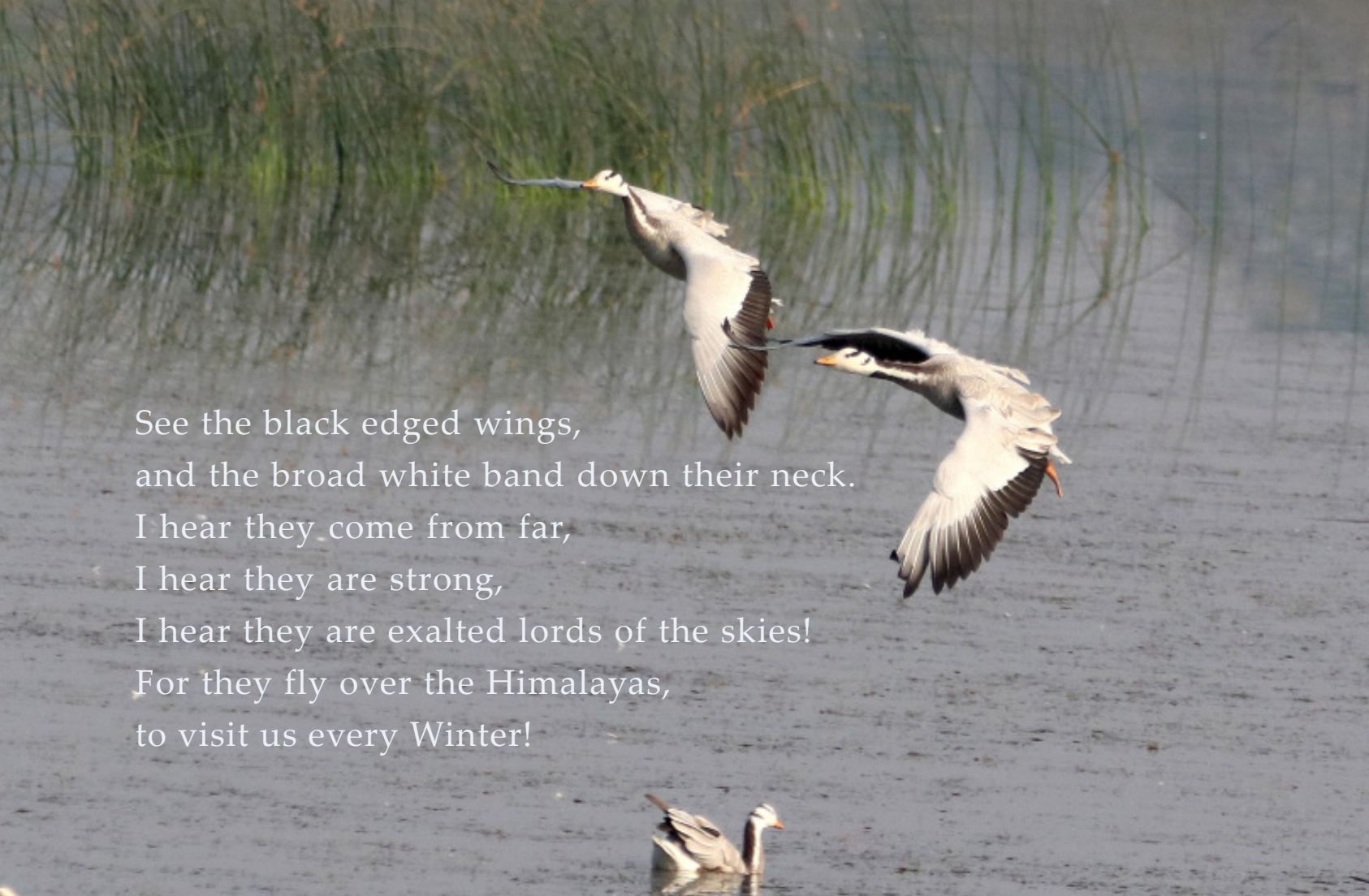
In the evenings,
it is time again
to take-off and look
for a nice patch of
farmland with fresh
grass and crop.

They feed all night and continue till
the Sun is up and the morning bright!

Who are they?
Oh! Who are they?
With wings so large!

Pretty grey birds!
See their black tipped
orange beak.

See the two black bars on the head!
On every one of them.

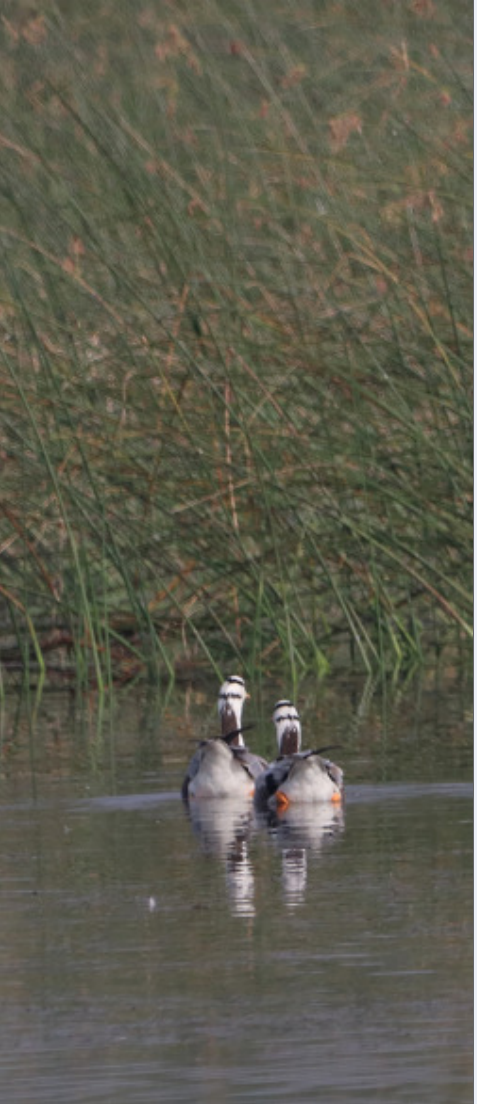


See the black edged wings,
and the broad white band down their neck.
I hear they come from far,
I hear they are strong,
I hear they are exalted lords of the skies!
For they fly over the Himalayas,
to visit us every Winter!

They will be gone soon,
now that Summer is approaching,
back to their homes in Tibet, China or Mongolia.

Pretty visitors! Look at them.
Their orange legs remind me of our
domestic Geese.

Who could they be?
Till I find out,
I think I'll call them
the Bar-headed Geese.



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